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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Subject: Application for a Department of the Army permit to approve an existing fill as shown on the drawings attached to this notice.

Applicant: Chevron Resources Company, Vernal Phosphate Rock Operation, Manila Star Route, Vernal, Utah 84078.

Location: The project site is located in Big Brush Creek, 3/4 miles west of State Highway 10 and approximately 10 miles north-northwest of Vernal, Uintah County, Utah.

Purpose: The purpose of the fill is to serve as embankment for a road crossing of Big Brush Creek. The road is used by Chevron Resources Company for the purpose of moving personnel, supplies and mining equipment between the office-plant area and the mine east of Big Brush Creek.

Project Description: The existing road is approximately 60 feet wide with a 120" diameter CMP culvert placed in the channel of Big Brush Creek. Approximately 310 cubic yards of granular earthfill materials from adjacent mine overburden has been placed in the stream course below the ordinary high water line. This stream crossing was originally constructed in March 1981 as a temporary mining road. As such, it was Congressionally exempted from the provisions of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Since that time, Chevron has decided to retain the crossing as a permanent facility. Thus, authorization pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act is required.

Additional Information: Certification that the proposed work, if permitted, will not violate applicable water quality standards has been requested from the Utah Bureau of Water Pollution Control. For further information, contact U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Post Office Building, Room 341, 350 South Main Street, Salt Lake City, Utah, telephone (801) 524-6015.

The latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places and its monthly supplements have been reviewed and there are no places either listed or recommended as eligible which would be affected. Presently unknown cultural resources may be located in the permit area. This activity would not affect any threatened or endangered species or their critical habitat. The District Engineer has made this determination based on information provided by the applicant and on the Corps' preliminary evaluation.

Interested parties are invited to submit written comments on or before **14 January 1982**. Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

A permit issued by the Department of the Army does not give any property rights either in real estate or material or any exclusive privileges and does not authorize any injury of private property or invasion of private rights, or any infringement of Federal, State or local laws or regulations, nor does it obviate the necessity of obtaining State or local assent to the work authorized.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the impact of this activity on the public interest under authority of **Section 404** of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344). Evaluation will include application of guidelines set forth by Administrator, EPA, under authority of the Act (40 CFR Part 230). That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, historic values, fish and wildlife values, flood damage prevention, land use, navigation, recreation, water supply, water quality, energy needs, safety, food production and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. No permit will be granted unless its issuance is found to be in the public interest. Based on our preliminary evaluation, there will be no significant environmental impacts.

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PAUL F. KAVANAUGH
Colonel, CE
Commander and District Engineer

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Honorable Scott M. Matheson
Governor of Utah
State Capitol Building
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

Dear Governor Matheson:

The U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, has filed rejustification to continue an existing withdrawal, known as the "Desert Experimental Range," with the Bureau of Land Management. This withdrawal, located in Millard County, was made for the purpose of experimental research toward improving the range and grazing practices. This project has been ongoing for over 40 years. The BLM is proposing to continue this withdrawal.

In keeping with our policy, we want to make you aware of this action. A copy of this letter is being forwarded to State A/95 Coordinator, Mrs. Carolyn Jones. Should you have any comment, we should like to know by March 15, 1982.

If additional information is desired, please contact Deen Bowden, telephone 524-4245.

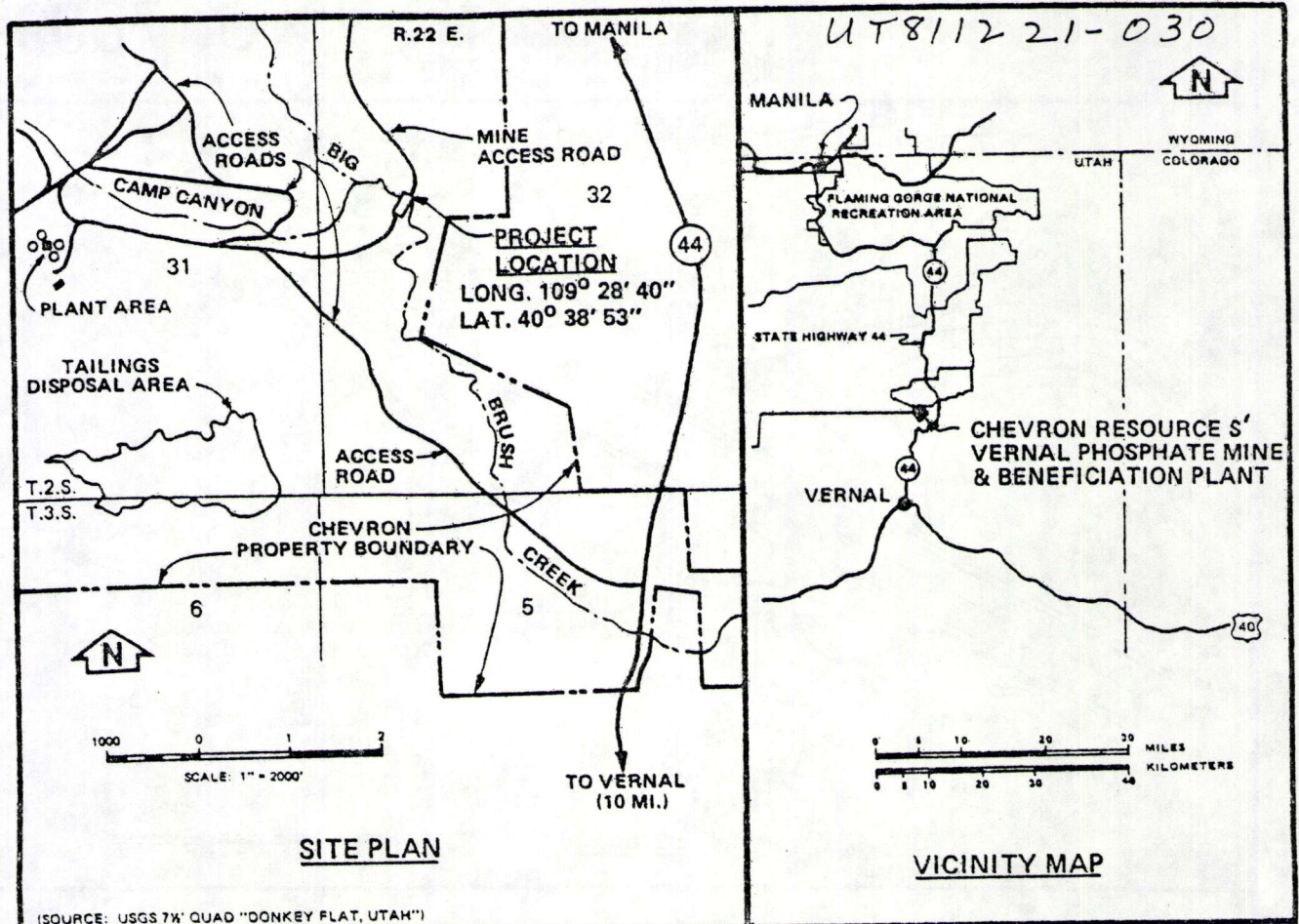
Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM JR.
State Director

cc:
State A/95 Coordinator

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NOTES:

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2. ROADWAY FILL CROSSING OVER BIG BRUSH CREEK IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING ACCESS BETWEEN PLANT-OFFICE AREA AND THAT PORTION OF MINING PROPERTIES LOCATED EAST OF BIG BRUSH CREEK.
3. DATUM IS NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929.
4. CROSSING WAS ORIGINALLY CONSTRUCTED IN MARCH, 1981 AS PART OF A TEMPORARY MINE ACCESS ROAD. IT HAS SINCE BEEN DECIDED THAT ROAD WILL BE RETAINED AS A PERMANENT ACCESS ROAD.
5. APPROXIMATELY 310 C.Y. OF CLEAN GRANULAR MATERIAL FROM MINE OVERBURDEN AREA WAS TRUCKED TO SITE FOR THE ROADWAY FILL.

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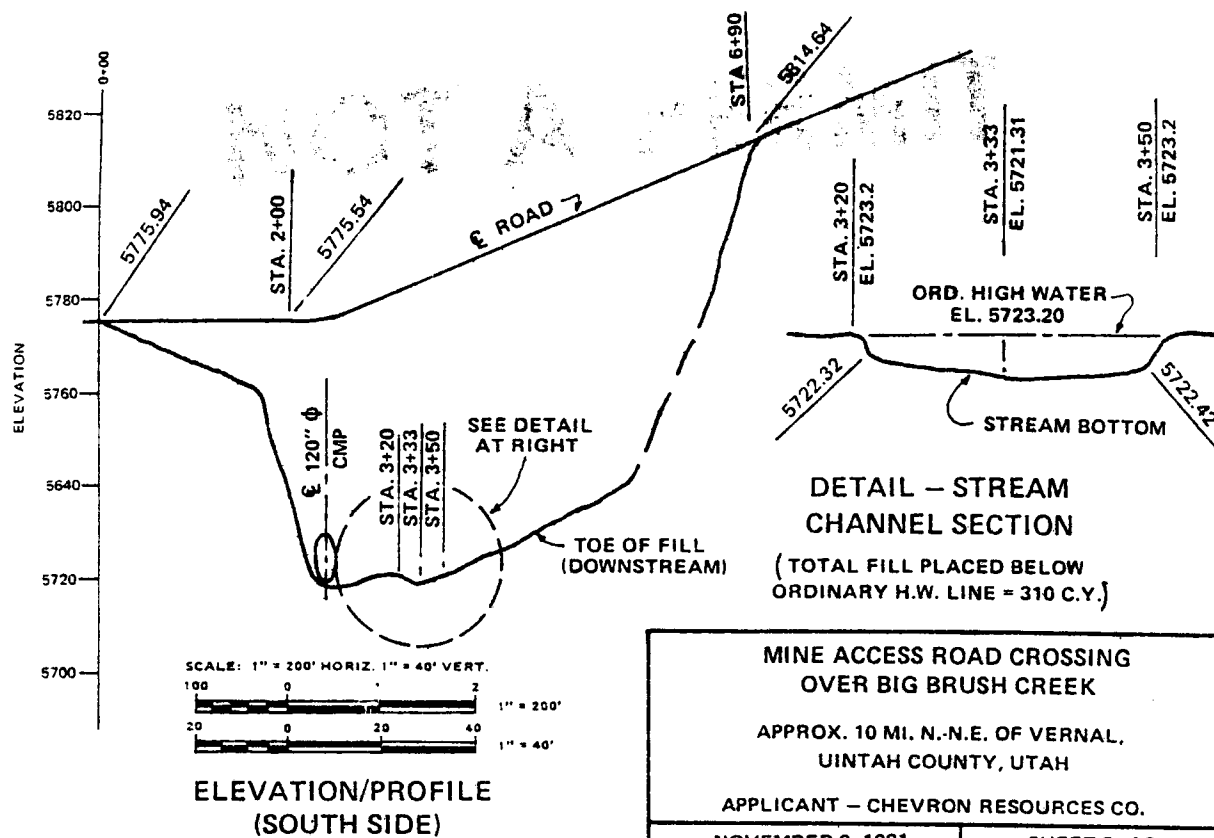
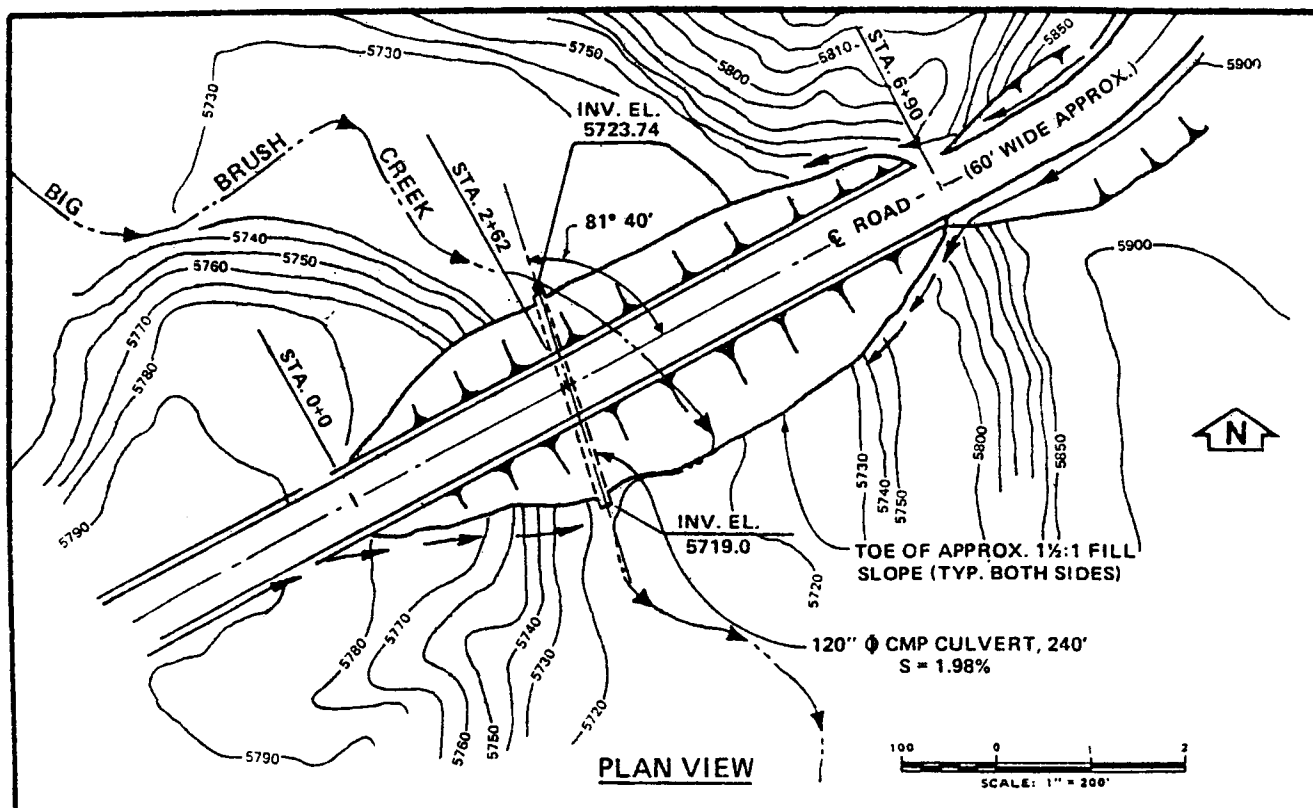
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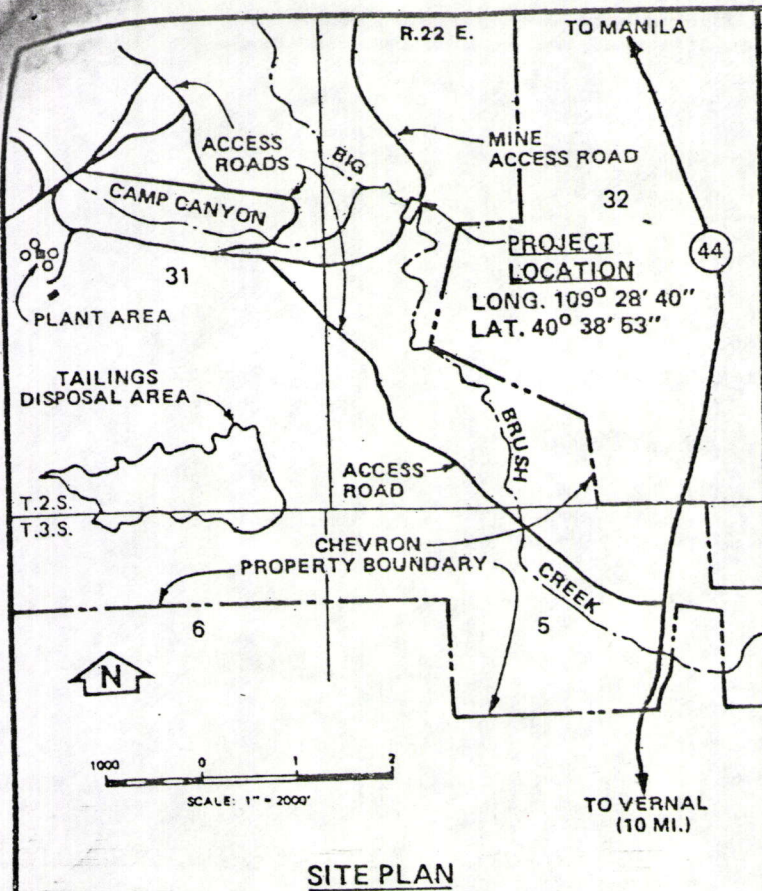
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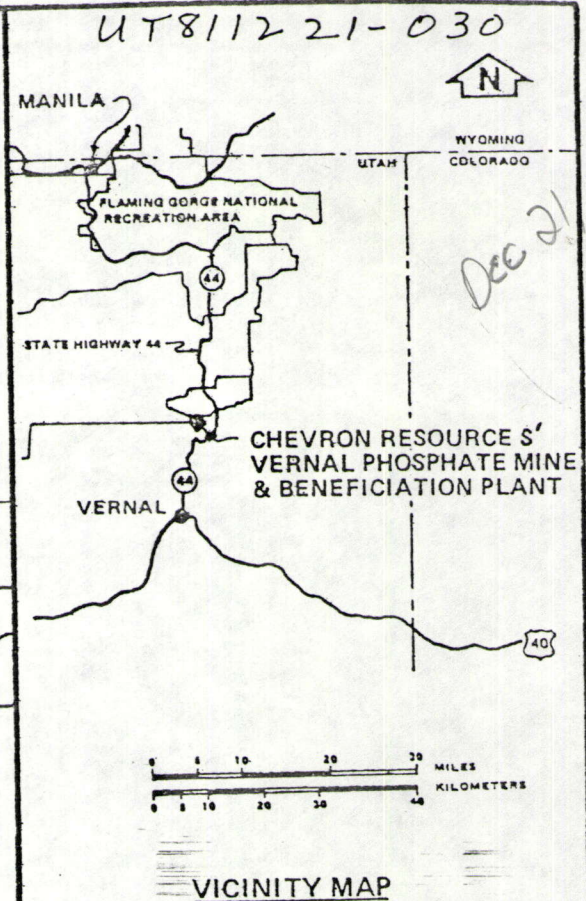
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(SOURCE: USGS 7 1/2" QUAD "DONKEY FLAT, UTAH")



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